

Department 112 - Food

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Food Schedule

	<u>Drop Off</u>	<u>Judging</u>	<u>Pickup</u>
All Food Exhibits	Wednesday - 7/15 - 10 am-5 pm	Thursday - 7/16 -2 pm	Saturday - 7/25 - 6-8 pm
	Thursday - 7/16 - 8-11 am		Sunday - 7/26 - 10 am-2 pm

Deadline for entries is July 6, 2026. Open Class Foods may be brought to Magic Place Hall in the ND State Fair Center.

ENTRY FEE: None

RULES ON ENTERING:

- Entries must be made online by July 6. Online entry can be found on ndstatefair.com
- Competition is open to North Dakota residents only.
- No person can enter more than one item under the same class number in any department. The “any other” class is for items not listed. All reasonable care will be given to exhibits entered. The North Dakota State Fair and its staff will not be responsible for any loss or damage during transit, judging or exhibition. Submission of entry implies acceptance of and compliance with these conditions and regulations.
- Unless exhibits comply with these rules, they will not be accepted.

RULES ON DROPPING OFF:

- Any article, having been properly entered, can be forwarded by mail or prepaid express to Dept. 112, ND State Fair, PO Box 1796, Minot, ND 58702, where it will then be placed on exhibition. The management however, will not be responsible for any breakage of glass or loss of any article. A self-addressed label and return postage must accompany the exhibit for return. The ND State Fair will assume no responsibility for return of exhibit with insufficient postage. Send complete list of articles contained in package. Mailed exhibits must reach the Fair Office no later than noon Wednesday, July 15.
- No entries will be accepted after deadline. Judging will begin Thursday, July 16 at 2:00pm.
- All baked goods must be removed from pans before exhibited, except pies which should be in disposable pans.
- Exhibits must be entered on disposable plates and wrapped in plastic.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

- The judges are instructed not to award prizes unless the articles are deemed of real merit, even though they may be the only entry in the class.

RULES ON PICKING UP:

- Exhibits will not be released before 6pm on the last day. Exhibits may be picked up on Saturday, July 25 between the hours of 6pm and 8pm or on Sunday, July 26 between the hours of 10am and 2pm. Claim checks must be shown before release. The building will be closed at 8pm Saturday, July 25. Those picking up exhibits Saturday must pay gate admission.

Best of Division:

One Best of Division Rosette will be awarded in each division of this department as deemed appropriate by the judge.

Best of Show:

Best of Show Award will be awarded to one exhibit in this department as deemed appropriate by the judge.

Cash awards will be mailed September 2026

NORTH DAKOTA MILL & ELEVATOR
sponsors the following special prizes for the following culinary classes:
Division A: Class 4 - White Bread, Class 7 - Rolls
Division E: Class 4 - Filled Cookies

1st Place - 50 lbs. Dakota Maid Flour
2nd Place - 25 lbs. Dakota Maid Flour
3rd Place - 10 lbs. Dakota Maid Flour




The North Dakota Wheat Commission

The North Dakota Wheat Commission promotes the use of high quality wheat and offer the following prizes to the first place winners in each class

Division A
Classes 1-17: \$25.00



CULINARY DIVISIONS A-G

DIVISION A - YEAST BREADS

May enter large or small loaf, one unless otherwise listed.
Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50

CLASS

1. Bread, multi-grain, (please include recipe)
2. Bread, fruit
3. Bread, rye
4. Bread, white
5. Bread, whole wheat (please include recipe)
6. Bread, made in electric breadmaker
7. Rolls, dinner, 4
8. Rolls, cinnamon, 4
9. Rolls, cinnamon, frosted, 4
10. Rolls, fancy, frosted 4
11. Rolls, crescent, 4
12. Rolls, caramel, 4
13. Breakfast Loaf, 1
14. Buns, white, 4
15. Buns, whole wheat, 4 (please include recipe)
16. Sourdough (flour and water starter, **no milk** - please include recipe)
17. Artisan
18. Any other (please label)
19. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

DIVISION B - QUICK BREADS

May enter large or small loaf, one unless otherwise listed.
Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

CLASS

1. Baking Powder Biscuits, 4
2. Banana Bread
3. Date Bread
4. Zucchini Bread
5. Pumpkin Bread
6. Muffins, 4
7. Gingerbread
8. Any other (please label)
9. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

DIVISION C - CAKES

Commercial mixes ONLY accepted in category 11
Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

CLASS

1. Angelcake, not frosted
2. Chocolate Layer or Loaf Cake, any frosting
3. Fruit Cake, light or dark, not frosted
4. Sponge Cake, not frosted
5. White Layer or Loaf Cake, any frosting
6. Jelly Roll
7. Bundt Cake
8. Decorations (decorations only judged) Layer or Sheet cake
9. Decorations (decorations only judged) Novelty Cakes
10. Cupcakes
11. Cake Mixes
12. Any other (please label)
13. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

DIVISION D - PIES

Please Use large or small disposable pans
Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50

CLASS

1. Apple Pie
2. Cherry Pie
3. Rhubarb Pie
4. Any Berry Pie
5. Any Other Fruit Pie
6. Cream Pie
7. Lemon Pie
8. Any other (please label)
9. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

DIVISION E - COOKIES

Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

CLASS

1. Butter Cookies, Plain, 4
2. Butter Cookies, Fancy, 4
3. Chocolate Drop Cookies, 4
4. Filled Cookies, 4
5. Ginger Cookies, frosted, 4
6. Molasses Cookies, 4
7. Ice Box Cookies, 4
8. Macaroons, 4
9. Oatmeal Cookies, 4
10. White Cookies, rolled, 4
11. Chocolate Chip Cookies, 4
12. Unbaked Cookies, 4
13. Peanut Butter Cookies, 4
14. Sugar Cookies, 4
15. Special Party Cookies, 4
16. Monster Cookies, 4
17. Cake Mix Cookies, 4
18. Bars, Frosted, 4
19. Bars, Unfrosted, 4
20. Bars, Rice Krispies, 4
21. Bars, Lemon, 4
22. Bars, Unbaked, 4
23. Cookies, Any Other, 4 (please label)
24. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

DIVISION F - CANDY

Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 \$11.50

CLASS

1. Dip Candy, 6 pieces
2. Divinity, 6 pieces
3. Peanut Brittle, 6 pieces
4. Fudge, 6 pieces
5. Caramels, 6 pieces
6. Pinoche, 6 pieces
7. Plate of Assorted Candies, 4 kinds, 8 pieces total
8. Any other, 6 pieces (please label)
9. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)

DIVISION G - FRIED/ETHNIC

Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

CLASS

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|------------------------|---|
| 1. Raised Doughnuts, 4 | 8. Sandbakkelse, 4 |
| 2. Doughnuts, 4 | 9. Kuchen, 1 Whole |
| 3. Fattigman, 4 | 10. Julekaka Christmas Bread, 1 loaf |
| 4. Flat Bread, 4 | 11. Any other, 4 (please label) |
| 5. Krumkaka, 4 | 12. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50) |
| 6. Lefse, 4 | |
| 7. Rosettes, 4 | |

DIVISION H - SPECIAL DIET

(Sugar-free, lowfat, low cholesterol, salt-free, and gluten-free)

Please label as to which diet and include recipe

Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

CLASS

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| 1. Cake | 6. Yeast Breads |
| 2. Candy | 7. Any other |
| 3. Cookies, 4 | 8. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50) |
| 4. Pie | |
| 5. Quick Breads | |

Don't Forget to LABEL!



FOOD PRESERVATION DIVISIONS I-N

Canned foods for exhibit must be in standard canning jars, with standard lids or covers. Use current USDA guidelines for preserving foods. Please label jars with name of product and date of preparation. Please indicate method of preparation: boiling water or pressure canner. Must be canned from crop of 2024 or 2025.

DIVISION I - CANNED FRUITS

(Please label jars)

Premiums: \$14.50 • \$13.50 • \$12.50

CLASS

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|----------------------|---|
| 1. Apples | 13. Peaches |
| 2. Applesauce | 14. Pears |
| 3. Apricots | 15. Plums |
| 4. Blueberries | 16. Plums, wild |
| 5. Cherries, bing | 17. Raspberries |
| 6. Cherries, compass | 18. Rhubarb |
| 7. Crabapple | 19. Strawberries |
| 8. Currant, red | 20. Fruit Pie Filling, any kind (please label) |
| 9. Fruit Cocktail | 21. Fruit Juice, any kind (please label) |
| 10. Grapes | 22. Any other Wild Fruit (please label) |
| 11. Gooseberries | 23. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50) |
| 12. June Berries | |

DIVISION J - JELLIES & JAMS (SOFT SPREADS)

(Please label jars)

Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

Jellies and jams should be shown in standard 1/2 or 1 cup sealed jars. Process with boiling water bath. Must be safe without refrigeration. Use a 1/4" head space.

CLASS

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 1. Jelly, Apple or Crabapple | 18. Jam, Blueberry |
| 2. Jelly, Bing Cherry | 19. Jam, Chokecherry |
| 3. Jelly, Blueberry | 20. Jam, Grape |
| 4. Jelly, Chokecherry | 21. Jam, Plum, wild |
| 5. Jelly, Nanking Cherry | 22. Jam, Raspberry |
| 6. Jelly, Cranberry, high bush | 23. Jam, Rhubarb |
| 7. Jelly, Currant, red | 24. Jam, Strawberry |
| 8. Jelly, Grape | 25. Jam, Strawberry Rhubarb |
| 9. Jelly, Grape, wild | 26. Jam, Tomato |
| 10. Jelly, Gooseberry | 27. Jam, Peach |
| 11. Jelly, Juneberry | 28. Apple Butter |
| 12. Jelly, Plum | 29. Marmalade, Peach and Apricot |
| 13. Jelly, Plum, wild | 30. Marmalade, Rhubarb |
| 14. Jelly, Raspberry, red | 31. Syrups, Fruit |
| 15. Jelly, Rhubarb | 32. Any other (please label) |
| 16. Jelly, Strawberry | 33. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50) |
| 17. Jam, Apricot | |

DIVISION K - DRIED FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Dried sample for display of 1 cup in covered glass container (Please label jars)

Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

CLASS

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|------------------|---|
| 1. Apple | 9. Peaches |
| 2. Apricots | 10. Pears |
| 3. Banana | 11. Potatoes |
| 4. Carrots | 12. Snack Mix |
| 5. Celery | 13. Tomatoes |
| 6. Corn | 14. Any other (please label) |
| 7. Fruit Leather | 15. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50) |
| 8. Onions | |

DIVISION L - CANNED VEGETABLE

NOTE: Meat, Poultry & Vegetables (not tomatoes) must be canned by use of a pressure cooker (Please label jars)

Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

CLASS

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|-----------------|---|
| 1. Asparagus | 12. Sauerkraut |
| 2. Beans, green | 13. Tomatoes |
| 3. Beans, wax | 14. Tomato Juice |
| 4. Beets | 15. Tomatoes, stewed |
| 5. Carrots | 16. Zucchini |
| 6. Corn | 17. Mixture of vegetables for soup |
| 7. Corn on Cob | 18. Vegetable Juice, any kind (please label) |
| 8. Greens | 19. Any other (please label) |
| 9. Parsnip | 20. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50) |
| 10. Peas | |
| 11. Pumpkin | |

THE NORTH DAKOTA WHEAT COMMISSION

promotes the use of high quality wheat and offered the following prizes to the first place winners in each class
Division O, Junior Department
 Classes 1, 2, 7-10: \$25.00



DIVISION M - PICKLES & RELISHES

Canned items must have a 1/2" to 1" headspace as applicable. (Please label jars)

Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

CLASS

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. Beet Pickles | 16. Zucchini Pickles |
| 2. Green Bean Pickles | 17. Ketchup |
| 3. Carrot Pickles | 18. Barbecue Sauce |
| 4. Crabapple Pickles | 19. Chili Sauce |
| 5. Cucumbers, sweet | 20. Salsa Sauce |
| 6. Dill Pickles | 21. Spaghetti Sauce, without meat |
| 7. Bread and Butter Pickles | 22. Corn Relish |
| 8. Green Tomato Pickles | 23. Cucumber Relish |
| 9. Mixed Pickles | 24. Tomato Relish |
| 10. Mustard Pickles | 25. Zucchini Relish |
| 11. Onion Pickles | 26. Any other not listed (please label) |
| 12. Peach Pickles | 27. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50) |
| 13. Pear Pickles | |
| 14. 10 to 14 Day pickles | |
| 15. Watermelon Pickles | |

DIVISION N - MEATS

All meats must be pressure canned.
 (Please label jars)

Premiums: \$13.50 • \$12.50 • \$11.50

CLASS

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|--------------------|---|
| 1. Beef, canned | 6. Canned Fish |
| 2. Chicken, canned | 7. Wild Game |
| 3. Pork, canned | 8. Jerky |
| 4. Sausage, canned | 9. Any other (please label) |
| 5. Mincemeat | 10. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50) |

Kid's Cupcake Decorating Contest



Saturday, July 25
Upper Atrium



Registration Opens at 12:30
Contest Begins at 1:00

DIVISION O - JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Ages 10 & under AND Ages 11-17
 Please list age on entry form

Premiums: \$18.00 • \$16.00 • \$14.00

CLASS

1. Bread, White, small loaf
 2. Bread, Dark, small loaf
 3. Bread, Banana, small loaf
 4. Bread, Any Other, small loaf
 5. Buns, White, 4
 6. Buns, Wheat, 4
 7. Muffins, 4
 8. Rolls, Cinnamon, 4
 9. Rolls, Fancy - Frosted, 4
 10. Rolls, Caramel, 4
 11. Rolls, Any Other, 4 (Please Label)
 12. Decorations (decorations only judged) Cake
 13. Decorations (decorations only judged) Cupcakes, 4
 14. Decorations (decorations only judged) Special Party Cookies, 4
 15. Cake, Chocolate, One Layer, unfrosted
 16. Cake, White, One Layer
 17. Cookies, Chocolate Chip, 4
 18. Cookies, Chocolate Chip, 4 in a Decorated Container (container and cookies judged)
 19. Cookies, Peanut Butter, 4
 20. Cookies, Unbaked, 4
 21. Cookies, Oatmeal, 4
 22. Cookies, White, 4
 23. Cookies, Ginger, 4
 24. Cookies, Monster, 4
 25. Cookies, Frosted, 4
 26. Cookies, Cake Mix, 4
 27. Cookies, Any Other Kind, 4 (please label)
 28. Unfrosted Brownies, 4
 29. Unbaked Bars, 4
 30. Crispy Rice Bars, 4
 31. Bars, Any Other, 4 (please label)
 32. Doughnuts, 4
 33. Pie
 34. Peanut Brittle, 6 Pieces
 35. Fudge, 6 Pieces
- (Label jars and see Division B instructions)*
36. Jelly, grape
 37. Jelly, chokecherry
 38. Jelly, any other
 39. Jam, strawberry
 40. Jam, rhubarb
 41. Jam, raspberry
 42. Jam, any other
 43. Apple butter
 44. Applesauce
 45. Dill Pickles
 46. Sweet Pickles
 47. Relish, state kind
 48. Vegetables, any kind, canned
 49. Fruit, any kind, canned
 50. Dried Fruit
 51. Fruit Leather
 52. Salsa
 53. Any other canned item
 54. Any other not listed above
 55. Theme Class - (See Static Information on Page 50)